

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MARCH 15, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Director Ware requested a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Director Ware read the notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
 2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
 3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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ROLL CALL **Present were:** Mr. Bobbitt, Mrs. Timberman, Mr. Lindenmuth, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Simmermon, Mrs. Bestwick, Director Ware.

MINUTES Mr. Bobbitt moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting. Minutes to be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Seconded by Mr. Sullivan, 7-0 approved.

WAIVER OF THE RULES Mr. Bobbitt moved to waive the rules under Section 2:1-9 in order to consider resolution #6, Transfer of funds. Seconded by Mr. Sullivan, 7-0 approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

R. 2006-114 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a CAP Bank within the 2006 County Budget (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Bobbitt moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

There was no Public comment.

Mr. Bobbitt moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Bobbitt moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bobbitt-for, Mrs. Timberman-for, Mr. Sullivan-for, Mr. Simmermon-for, Mrs. Bestwick-for, director Ware-for.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The following Proclamation and Citations were read:

Proclamation recognizing Doctor's Day

Year 2006 Women of Achievement Citations of Appreciation

Grace Alliegro
Eleanor Clunn
Josie Moore

Dorothy Bunting
Carolyn Furio
Allice Waddington

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – notice that established procedures for publication and distribution of Public Notices will be changed

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following areas:

- Nonesuch Creek, City of New Castle, New Castle County, DE
- Princeton Harbor, Borough of Avalon, Cape May County, NJ

Ken Taafe, Coordinator, South Jersey RC&D Council – notice of an upcoming meeting to discuss the need for tide gate and levee system maintenance and repair

Theodore Wilkinson, P.E., Project Manager, Federici & Akin, P.A., Consulting Engineers – monthly update as of February 28, 2006 regarding the railroad maintenance and repairs contract

Michael J. Hill, Secretary, South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council – minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting

Salem County Association of Local Government – minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting
Bergen County – resolution in opposition to the Sale of United States Ports, 2006

Hopewell Township, Mercer County – resolution requesting new State regulations to ban 102" & 96" wide truck and long haul truck, redefine local delivery and permit local police to enforce the legislation

Union County – opposing President Bush's plan to approve the sale of the operations of six major East Coast Ports to Dubai Ports World, a company based in the United Arab Emirates

211/FCH Salem County, Center for Family Services, Inc. – copy of the annual report for calendar year 2005

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of November

Nursing Home – Complete HealthCare Resources

For the Month of December

Nursing Home – Complete HealthCare Resources

For the Month of January 2006

Emergency Services Staff Meeting

Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey

For the Month of February

Adjuster

Economic Development Activity Report

Emergency Services

Shelter of Home Salem/Gloucester County's population report

Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee February 9th Minutes

Cultural & Heritage Commission February 16th Minutes

Library Commission February 20th Minutes

Youth Services Commission & Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition March 1st Minutes

Commission on Women February 14th Minutes

Mr. Bobbitt moved to receive and file the correspondence, departmental reports, and the Committee/Commission Minutes, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Bestwick commented on the accuracy

and thoroughness of the report submitted by Ted Wilkinson, PE. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Mr. Bobbitt moved for the payment of the bills and claims for the County of Salem, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of February

Director Ware questioned if there were any objections to reading the resolutions by block, hearing none the meeting preceded.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

2006-144 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior to Adoption of Budget – County of Salem

2006-145 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 44069)

2006-146 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 43737)

2006-147 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 44137)

2006-148 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 41250)

2006-149 Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds (\$132,000) (Waiver Required)

2006-150 Resolution Awarding an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract to Access Systems Consulting to Prepare an EDMS RFP for the PARIS 2005 Grant Program for the County of Salem (\$20,000)

2006-151 Resolution Awarding an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract to Access Systems Consulting to Prepare a Disaster Recovery Assessments and Business Continuity Plan for the County of Salem (\$42,000)

2006-152 Resolution Denouncing the Sale of Six Major United States Port Operations to Dubai Ports World.

2006-153 Resolution Endorsing Salem City's Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Establishment of a Brownfield Development Area

2006-154 Resolution Appointing an Assistant County Superintendent of Bridges (William Sumiel, Jr.)

Mr. Bobbitt moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion to adopt these resolutions. Discussion ensued from Mrs. Bestwick concerning resolutions 2006-152 and 2006-154. Concerns were voiced on endorsing a Congressional bill that the Freeholders have little knowledge of. Mr. Sullivan responded that the bottom line is that as a country we do not want foreign countries owning our ports. Mrs. Bestwick moved to table 2006-152, Mr. Simmermon seconded the motion. Vote 3 for table, 4 against, motion to table failed. The vote was called for 2006-152 Vote taken, 4 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention, motion carried. 2006-154 was next discussed: concerns were raised as to why this resolution appears under Administration, the Administrator responded that all staffing appointments fall under Administration. Mrs. Bestwick questioned the amount of the salary and why it was not on resolution. The Clerk responded that the salary was \$62,500 and that it is normal not to place on the resolution. Questions concerning the term and duties were discussed. Mrs. Bestwick further stated that as a

committee she was not informed of qualifications nor informed of the job description. Solicitor advised that closed session was necessary.

Mr. Bobbitt moved to adopt resolutions 2006-144 – 2006-151, and Resolution 1006-153, Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon

2006-155 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Lawn Care Maintenance for Various Properties Owned by the County of Salem (\$28,480 – Fisher Lawn Care)

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Simmermon seconded. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bestwick, Timberman, Lindenmuth

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

2006-156 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for Professional Services (\$8,755 – Denis A. Tavani, MD)

Mr. Simmermon moved, Mrs. Bestwick seconded. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

2006-157 Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from the New Jersey Office of Information Technology for the Salem County Office of Emergency Management (\$242,500)

2006-158 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2006-49 Appointing Members to the Salem County Youth Services Commission

Mr. Lindenmuth moved, Mr. Bobbitt seconded, 7-0, carried

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan

2006-159 Resolution for the Appointment of a Member to the Salem County Open Space Advisory Committee (Mark Wilson)

Mrs. Timberman moved, Mr. Lindenmuth seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Bestwick questioned if all Freeholders will be able to get a copy of any press release that involves comments made by all Freeholders, Mr. Ware stated that this would be taken care of. Further discussion ensued concerning advance notices of Press releases.

Mr. Simmermon discussed the irregularities in the Public Pension Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emerson Eiesly presented a course offering at Rutgers University, and requested if the board would pay for him to attend on the County's behalf. It was referred to Administration for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION

2006-159 Resolution for Closed session.

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adoption of the Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders moved into closed session at 8:00 PM.

Public meeting resumed at 9:07 PM. The Director called for Resolution 2006-154. Mr. Bobbitt moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Bobbitt further discussed that he would work with Mr. Sumiel to make sure he was brought up to speed as quickly as possible. Five in favor, two against, Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bobbitt, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board